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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN-SOVIET INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION FOR
ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

1. REGULAR SOVIET-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC TALKS TOOK PLACE IN
BUCHAREST AUGUST 1-8 WITH LESECHKO REPRESENTING SOVIETS AND
RADULESCU THE ROMANIANS. ALTHOUGH PREVIOUS PRESS COVERAGE HAD
BEEN LARGELY UNINFORMATIVE, SCINTEIA CARRIED WRAP-UP ARTICLE
ON AUGUST 9 WHICH PROVIDES SOME INTERESTING DATA.

2. SPECIFIC ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE:

- A) COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN FIELDS OF HEAVY MACHINERY FOR POWER
AND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES, FARM MACHINERY AND TRACTORS,
MACHINE TOOLS, EQUIPMENT FOR FOOD AND OTHER LIGH INDUSTRIES,
IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY, CHEMICAL INDUSTRY INCLUDING CRUDE OIL
PROCESSING AND PETROCHEMISTRY.
- B) TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN ABOVE FIELDS.
- C) COORDINATION OF FIVE YEAR PLANS DURING 1970-1980 PERIOD, AND
- D) FOREIGN TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN FRAMEWORK OF PLAN.

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3. SOVIET DELEGATION SHOWED SPECIFIC INTEREST DURING VISIT
HERE BY VISITING MACHINE TOOL PLANT, AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT FACTORY
AND TV TUBE PLANT (BUILT BY ROMANIANS IN COOPERATION WITH U.S.
FIRM CORNING GLASS).

4. AMONG BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS SIGNED OR CONFIRMED
WERE FOLLOWING:

- A) SUPPLY OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT FOR COKE PRODUCTION WITH CAPACITY
UP TO 2 MILLION TONS COKE PER YEAR,
- B) SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC FURNACES FOR FERRO ALLOYS AND COLD ROLLING
MILL EQUIPMENT FROM SOVIET UNION,
- C) ROMANIAN DELIVERY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR SOVIET CELLULOSE
PLAT AT UST-ILIM IN EXCHANGE FOR SOVIET CELLULOSE,
- D) DELIVERY OF ROMANIAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR SOVIET
ASBESTOS FACTORY IN KIMBAYEVSK IN EXCHANGE FOR SOVIET ASBESTOS,
- E) SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO BUILD PLANT IN ROMANIA TO PRODUCE CAUSTIC
SODA, CHLORINE AND CHLORINE PRODUCTS IN EXCHANGE FOR ROMANIAN
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS,
- F) INTERMINISTERIAL CONVENTION ON COOPERATION IN OIL PROCESSING
INDUSTRY,
- G) AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION ON HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS ON
THE PRUT RIVER, AND
- H) PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS UNDERTAKEN ON CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY
OF SOVIET PLANT TO ROMANIA TO PRODUCE ISOPRENE RUBBER.

5. COMMISSION FORECAST INCREASE IN 1973 OF ABOUT 9 PERCENT
OVER 1972 IN TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN ROMANIA AND SOVIET UNION.
THIS AGREES WITH ESTIMATE GIVEN BY SOVIET COMMERCIAL OFFICER
IN BUCHAREST EMBASSY THAT 1973 TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN SOVIET
UNION AND ROMANIA WOULD REACH ABOUT 1.15 MILLION RUBLES
COMPARED WITH ABOUT 1.05 MILLION RUBLES IN 1972.
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